

Salvation Army drive needs extra push to reach Christmas goal

By Valerie Evenden
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — "I am declaring this week as 'Conscience Week,'" said Avery Schermer, chairman of the Salvation Army's Tree of Lights drive.

"We are less than 10 percent short of our goal and we don't want anyone who hasn't yet contributed to have this (fact) on their conscience until next year," Schermer said.

The Tree of Lights total stands at \$66,839, or \$6,161 short of the \$73,000 goal.

"In looking over the records I see a number of local doctors, lawyers and business people who normally support us but who,

maybe in the rush of the holidays, didn't get around to sending their checks in this year," Schermer said.

"I don't believe we've ever failed to reach our goal before and I don't think we should start a precedent now."

"With this in mind, I'm asking everyone to relieve their conscience and send in their check now," the chairman said.

A total of 1,283 families, representing about 3,132 individuals, applied for holiday assistance through the Salvation Army this Christmas.

The entire amount of the Tree of Lights goal and more is needed to fulfill the Salvation Army's obligations, Schermer said.

Teacher talks continuing

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — District 9's financial picture is being studied during negotiations between teachers and the School Board.

Teachers are in the second year of a two-year contract that contains a salary re-opening clause after the first year.

"We've spent a great deal of

time comparing the district's financial analysis with our financial analysis," said Shirley Stoll, president of American Federation of Teachers Granite City Local 743. "We want to make sure we have the true financial picture."

School administrators are also looking at the district's financial situation, said Monroe Worthen, (See BOARD, Page 5A)



(Staff photo by Patrick Foley)

70-mile celebration
SOME BIRTHDAY PARTIES involve overindulgence, but for 70-year-old Andrew Overholtz his birthday Tuesday prompted him to pedal his age in miles, including a trip from his home in Marine to Granite City.

Group against church's Johnson Road rezoning

By Dave Gosnell
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — A church's request to have its property rezoned for commercial use is being opposed by a neighborhood group.

The Johnson Road General Baptist Church, 2029 Johnson Road, petitioned the Plan Commission on Dec. 10 to rezone part of its property from a residential zoning classification to a commercial classification.

The commission deferred action on it after a neighborhood group questioned the request.

The church wanted the commission to rezone a 72x150-foot piece of land on its property. The church's representative, Leroy Hale, told the commission the church wanted the land rezoned because, he said, the original zoning for the land was commercial when the church bought the property about 20

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Nameoki boundaries could be decided by residents

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

NAMEOKI — Nameoki Township electors could be asked if they want the township's boundaries to change because of annexations by Granite City.

A special meeting of the Town Board has been called for 7 p.m. Monday to consider a resolution calling for a referendum on the March 15 ballot.

The referendum would cover all of Granite City's annexations occurring in 1987, including the recent annexation of 33 homes in Gorge Subdivision, said Nameoki Supervisor Harry Briggs Sr.

The referendum will not cover the annexation of Granite City Steel's coke (blast furnace) plant into the city, Briggs said. A hearing is set for Feb. 1 before Madison County Associate Judge Edward Ferguson on a suit filed by Briggs continuing the township's challenge of that annexation.

Under a co-terminous township law, signed in 1986 by Gov. Jim Thompson, Nameoki officials can demand a referendum of all electors in the township if they disagree with the city's annexation.

The county will pay for the

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IDOT has incentive for contractor in King bridge pact

By Ed Gurney
Staff affiliate

If the state had not taken over ownership of the Martin Luther King Bridge last March, the bridge probably would have been closed within five years because of its deteriorating condition, according to Dale Klorh.

"The closing of King would have snuffed out economic development on the east side," said Klorh, district engineer for the Illinois Department of Transportation.

The closing would have made the commute into Missouri so long that few people would have wanted to relocate in Illinois, he said.

MASSMAN Construction Co. of Kansas City, Mo., was awarded a bid of \$25.4 million Dec. 23 for the rehabilitation of the Martin Luther King Bridge and the Illinois approach structure and roadways.

The bridge work will include replacement of the deck, stringers and floor beams; rehabilitation

of the supporting piers; and painting.

Because of the traffic congestion being caused by the closing, IDOT has included an incentive clause in the contract, Klorh said.

The King bridge will be expanded to four lanes.

There are currently only two traffic lanes because of deterioration.

THE CONTRACTOR will be paid a bonus of \$10,000 a day for successful completion of the

work prior to Jan. 15, 1989. The contractor would also be penalized \$10,000 a day for each day the bridge remains closed past June 15.

Because of the amount and complexity of the work, the contractor will have to extend completion shifts to ensure completion on time, Klorh said.

The closure of the King bridge is the beginning of a four-year renovation program that will also involve the Poplar Street Bridge.

Next December, IDOT will

take bids on Phase I of the Poplar Street Bridge project. Phase I will involve expansion of the outer roads of the bridge complex to two lanes.

THE CONTRACTOR will be able to begin building the new piers for the project, but it won't be allowed to close the outer roads until the King bridge project is finished, Klorh said.

The new lanes will increase the capacity of the bridge and will allow IDOT to close the main line for maintenance, he

said. The completion date on Phase I is December 1989.

Phase II will involve renovation of the main line.

The cost of the Poplar Street Bridge improvements is estimated at \$40 million.

Klorh said the projects won't ease current traffic congestion until Missouri builds a direct access for King traffic onto I-70. "But this work will give us the assurance that the structures are viable," he said.

Closing of King bridge expected to mean jams

By Ed Gurney
Staff affiliate

The Illinois Department of Transportation is taking steps to ease the traffic congestion that will occur when the Martin Luther King Bridge is closed 14 months for repairs beginning April 15.

The congestion will last a total of four years, because improvements to the Poplar Street Bridge will begin as soon as the work on the King bridge is finished.

"We need to get people thinking about car pools, buses and van pools," said Dale Klorh, district engineer for IDOT.

"If people will accept van pools, car pools and buses, the problems caused by the closing will be minimized," Klorh said.

"If they don't, the problems will be extreme. During the time the Martin Luther King Bridge is closed, approximately 13,500 vehicles per day will be diverted to the Poplar Street, Eads and McKinley bridges.

If no special steps were taken, traffic backups would virtually double to an hour westbound in the morning and 45 minutes eastbound in the afternoon, Klorh said.

The backups westbound on I-55/70 and on I-64 would be five miles long and the backups on the approaches on the Missouri side would be a combined seven miles long.

"We're shutting off one bridge in an already congested area, so it will have an impact," Klorh said.

Backups currently extend two

miles and take 20 to 25 minutes, he said.

To lessen the effects of the bridge closure, IDOT is implementing the following measures:

- Encouraging the use of public buses by increasing service during the morning and afternoon rush hours.

- Encouraging the use of van-pooling. A toll free number (1-800-VIP-RIDE) is available for interested persons to call to receive information or to place their names in the computer file.

- Callers will be matched with other people who have compatible schedules, live in the same general area and have the same general destination.

- Encouraging the use of car-pooling with the same methods to be used as with van-pooling. The special car-pooling telephone number is 1-800-574-RIDE.

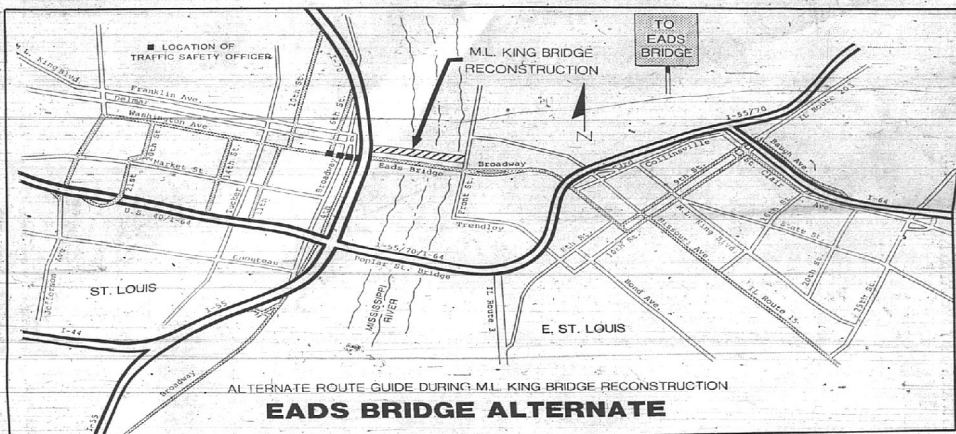
- Encouraging the use of alternate routes over the McKinley and Eads bridges by posting special signs in Illinois and Missouri.

- The use of highway advisory radios in a belt around the St. Louis and Metro-East areas to update motorists on traffic information.

- The radio broadcasts will be transmitted from nine locations near I-265 and I-270 interchanges and can be received for a three- to five-mile radius in order to give motorists enough time to select an alternate route.

- The contract for the radios won't be awarded until February, so the system may not be ready when the bridge closes April 15, Klorh said.

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Signs to give directions to Eads and McKinley bridges

Collinsville residents are advised to take I-64 if they plan to use the Eads Bridge as an alternate route to get into St. Louis when the Martin Luther King Bridge is closed.

Eads is accessible on I-55/70 via the Third Street exit in East St. Louis, but traffic is usually backed up to that point in the morning rush hour, according to Dale Klorh of the Illinois Department of Transportation.

Distinctive blue signs will be

used to mark the routes to the Eads Bridge.

IDOT advises motorists to exit I-64 at Brugh Avenue and go north to Ninth Street. Motorists should then go west to Broadway, then north to the Eads Bridge.

The return to I-64 from Eads is via 10th Street to St. Clair.

In St. Louis, motorists should exit U.S. 40/I-64 at Jefferson, 20th, 14th, or 11th streets, go

north to Washington and then east to the Eads.

Drivers exiting at Broadway should go to Fourth Street, then north to the Eads.

Eastbound motorists on I-44 should exit at Park Street and follow Broadway/Fourth Street to the Eads.

Eastbound I-70 motorists should exit at 10th or Sixth streets, go south to Washington, then east to the bridge.

Northbound I-55 drivers should

exit at 3200 South Broadway, then follow Broadway/Fourth Street to the Eads.

Roads to McKinley Bridge will be marked by distinctive pink signs.

Illinois motorists on Illinois 203 are advised to go west to 20th Street in Granite City, north to Madison Avenue, west through Madison and Venice to Illinois 3, then south to the bridge.



Monday, Dec. 31, 1962
Granite City Democratic Chairman Richard Allen said today he is picking up petitions on behalf of candidates who will oppose the present city administration in the April election.

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Man gets television, radios by pretending to be Lion

Two businesses lost electronic equipment and a third business refused to cooperate with a man who identified himself as a representative of the Venice Lions Club.

On Dec. 15, a man called Kendall Appliance, 2740 Madison Ave., and said the Venice Lions Club wanted to purchase a television for a drawing. About two hours later, a heavy-set man picked up a television valued at \$319 and charged it to the Lions account.

Two citizens band radios, valued at a total of \$89, were taken from Glen's Electronics, 4108 Melrose Ave., Dec. 23 by a man who asked that both units be placed on a charge account held

by the Venice Lions, said owner Glen Hommert. The club said no one had been authorized to make the purchase.

A man who visited Harper Vacuum, 3004 Nameoki Road, Dec. 18 said he represented the Venice Lions and wanted the business to donate a vacuum for a drawing, but owner Edward Hopper, who was suspicious, refused.

On Dec. 12, a man saying he represented the Venice Lions Club and was picking up food to go into Christmas baskets for the needy took a partial order of \$38 worth of groceries from Cohen's Market, 2301 Illinois Ave.

Pontoon Beach, authorities were told. Both vehicles were headed west on 23rd Street at Washington Avenue.

Eugenia E. Seibold, 68, 2638 E. 25th St., a passenger in the Mull car, also sustained an injury.

Briefcase, gifts gone

Christmas gifts and a leather briefcase valued at \$200, containing personal papers, were stolen from a car parked in the driveway at the home of Karen Revelle, 2110 State St. A side window was shattered to gain entry to the auto.

Burglar takes Christmas presents, jewelry, cash

A burglar was no longer inside the home of Jo A. Curtis, 4 Roubary Court, when officers searched the house Dec. 24 after she arrived home and found the front door had been forced open and damaged.

About 10 wrapped gifts were missing from beneath the Christmas tree. A video cassette recorder had been taken from the top of a television and placed on a couch. Bedrooms and closets were ransacked, with furniture drawers pulled out and contents thrown on the bed. A jewelry box was emptied. A partial list of missing items was provided to police, who are continuing an investigation.

Immediately determined to be missing were diamond earrings, 10 gold chains, \$100 cash, an opal ring, a wedding band, a gold and pearl ring, a high school class ring and an assortment of costume jewelry.

Man booked on warrant

Timothy Irving Flaughter, 25, of 3131 Rodger Ave., was arrested Dec. 26 on a warrant, alleging failure to appear on a charge of driving under the influence of alcohol.

27th and Madison crash

A Dec. 24 collision on Madison Avenue at 27th Street resulted in an injury to Fred H. Laster, 50, 219 Wilson Park Lane. Driver of the second car involved was Dave A. Varaday, 27, 1616 Fourth St., Madison.

Ticketed after mishap

Rodney W. Prewett, 19, 5011 Margaret St., Mitchell, was tick-

eted for allegedly disobeying a traffic signal light following an accident Dec. 24 at Nameoki Road and Jill Avenue.

Prewett's auto and a vehicle operated by Kathleen Y. Anglin, 37, 2200 Rodger Ave., were involved in the collision. William D. Ostresh, 38, 2222 State St., a passenger in Anglin's car, sustained an injury.

Burglar takes holiday gifts, ring, perfume

A burglar ransacked the family room at the home of Karen S. Gabriel, 3656 Terrace Lane, and stole presents from beneath the Christmas tree, she reported Dec. 24.

Among the items missing were a diamond and ruby ring valued at \$500, assorted gold chains, costume jewelry, perfume, a piggy bank, a toy truck and cash.

Speaker stolen from car

Anna Miller, 1012 Alton Ave., Madison, reported that a thief entered her car while it was parked at 2036 Cleveland Blvd., attempted to remove the radio, and damaged the dashboard. A speaker was stolen.

Burglary on Christmas

Property was being inventoried at the home of Douglas Allen, 1717 Olive St., after a burglary was reported Dec. 25. Entry was gained by breaking a door window.

Battery warrant served

Gary D. Dugan, 32, 2335 Rock Road, was arrested Dec. 21 on a Granite City warrant for battery, based on a complaint by Karen Dugan, also of Rock Road. He was released on a \$5,000 recognizance bond.

Madison police

\$555 stolen with card

Bonnie Blecker, 1676 Third St., reported Dec. 18 that a 24-hour telecard and the private entry code for use of the card were stolen from her home. She said \$555 was missing from her checking account balance when she called American Heritage Bank of Granite City to notify officials that the items had been stolen.

Two arrested after struggle follows accident

George L. Maxey Jr., 21, 1734 Edison Ave., was charged with assault, resisting a police officer and traffic violations after he allegedly struggled with patrolmen trying to get information about an accident.

Maxey was struck by a patrolman during the incident and a patrolman's uniform was damaged.

A passenger, Frank Emanuel Nolen, 2828 Denver St., was charged with obstruction after he allegedly became abusive with patrolmen, and tried to leave while being questioned.

Nolen said the accident occurred about 4:32 a.m. Dec. 27 when Maxey's car was backing out of a parking space at Curt's Grill, 1623 Madison Ave., and struck two Illinois Power Co. guy wires. The driver allegedly left the scene in the auto and then returned about five minutes later to retrieve a car bumper from the road.

Maxey was also charged with failure to reduce speed to avoid an accident, failure to give information, and improper registration.

Granite City

Driver, passenger hurt in Maryville Road crash

Driver Isabel M. Anderson, 57, 2917 Dale Ave., and her passenger, Sheila M. Adams, 38, 4049 Bruene Ave., were both treated and released from St. Elizabeth Medical Center after their car was hit from the rear about 8:22 p.m. Dec. 21 at Maryville Road and the Wilson Avenue intersection.

Anderson said she was in a northbound lane of Maryville Road and had signaled to turn left onto Wilson when her car was hit from the rear.

The second driver, Margaret H. Pithers, 2817 Dogwood Drive, said she did not see a signal and could not stop in time to avoid the accident.

City signs damaged in mishap on State Street

Jeffrey E. Reynolds, 27, 4218 Lake Drive, Pontoon Beach, was charged with unlawful possession of cannabis and four traffic violations after he allegedly hit several city signs and then left the scene in a pickup truck at 12:35 a.m. Dec. 22.

While going west on 18th Street at the State Street intersection, Reynolds allegedly went over the curb near Goldie's Good Times Bar and Grill, struck a stop sign, truck route sign, no-parking sign and traffic post, and then drove his truck north in the 1800 block of State Street.

A patrolman saw the pickup allegedly weaving and speeding on Madison Avenue and turned on his squad car lights, but Reynolds' car did not stop until it had reached Nameoki Road and Jill Avenue, it was contended.

At the station, officers allegedly found a plastic bag containing cannabis. Reynolds was issued tickets for failure to give information after striking property, driving while his license was suspended, improper lane usage and speeding. He was released on \$154 cash bail.

Several items missing

Rhonda Kay Hollis, 3176 Jill Ave., reported Dec. 24 that several items have been taken from her home since Dec. 19, including a radio-controlled car with a remote control, valued at \$330, two silver necklaces worth \$60, a watch valued at \$35, earrings worth \$20 and \$2 cash.

Motorist points gun at persons in second auto

The driver of a white over red Cadillac pointed a blue steel pistol at three Granite City residents seated in a car at a stop sign on West Pontoon Road at old Illinois 3 (Missouri Avenue).

The incident occurred at 2:30 p.m. Dec. 29, reported Willis Daniels, 26, 2611 Kirkpatrick Homes. He said the Cadillac pulled alongside his car and the driver pulled out a pistol, pointing the weapon at him and his two passengers, Ricky E. Daniels, 28, 2611 Kirkpatrick Homes, and Brenda K. Clark, 25, Granite City.

The gunman was thin, between 30 and 35 years old, with short brown hair. The weapon was not fired.

After pointing the gun, the man drove away, heading west on West Pontoon toward Illinois 3.

Burglar takes jewelry

In a burglary at the home of John M. Berosky, 3153 Yale Drive, reported Dec. 29, a burglar took a china, a crystal bowl, three figurines and assorted women's jewelry were stolen.

Battery by man alleged

Tom Carlton Stone, 34, 2825 Denver Ave., was arrested Dec. 25 in the 2400 block of Logan Avenue after he allegedly struck Marvin Bruce Wolfe, 1942 Adams St., in the mouth, knocking him to the ground.

Wolfe said he was arguing with two other men about a civil matter while at his property at 2040 Missouri Ave. when Stone walked over, yelled at him and then struck him in the mouth. Wolfe sustained a lacerated lip. Stone posted \$102 cash bail.

Collision on Nameoki

Marcella L. Westwood, 64, 1923 Rhodes St., Madison, was injured when her northbound auto and a car operated by Steven L. Root, 23, 2046 State St., collided Dec. 24 at St. Clair Avenue and Nameoki Road.

Root's car was entering Nameoki Road. After the collision, the Westwood car went off the road and hit a canopy in front of the Winner's Circle, 3102 Nameoki Road, reports said.

Crash injures 2 women

Lavern R. Mull, 60, 2436 Lincoln Ave., suffered an injury Dec. 24 when her auto was struck from the rear by a car operated by William J. Smith, 24, 4257 Division St.,

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Festival performers

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Rowden scholarship established

GRANITE CITY — Maryville Elementary School teachers and parents have established the Mary K. Rowden Scholarship Fund in memory of Mrs. Rowden, a District 9 teacher who died Oct. 29.

Mrs. Rowden, 49, taught kindergarten for more than 23 years, first at the former Emerson Elementary School and then at Maryville School for the past 18 years.

"During this time, she inspired young children, their parents and fellow teachers with her dedication to the field of education," a spokesperson for the fund said. "Concurrently, she and husband, Albert, reared five children of their own."

"Mary K. began each child's kindergarten education with eagerness and enthusiasm. It is in this spirit we wish to help begin a young graduate's career by awarding him/her a scholarship honoring Mary K. Rowden."

The award is a perpetual



Mary K. Rowden
monetary gift presented at the senior recognition assembly, held each spring at Granite City High School, to the graduating

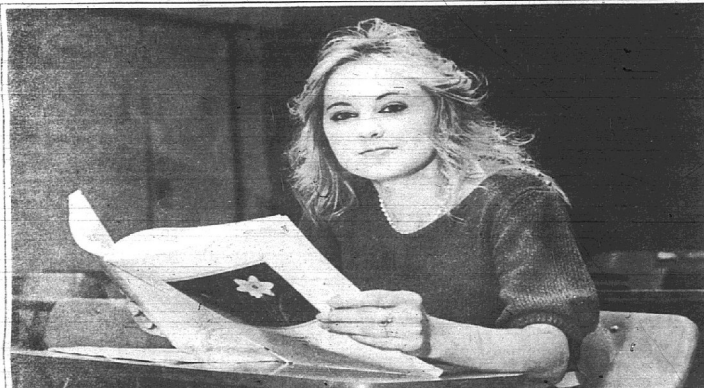
senior with the highest grade point average and who attended Maryville School for at least three years.

An invitation will be extended to the recipient to be recognized at Maryville School.

Two permanent wooden plaques will be displayed with the name and year of each recipient. One plaque will be displayed at the high school, and the other at Maryville School. The first scholarship will be awarded in 1988.

A commemorative book of contributors, names only, will be presented to Albert Rowden, a counselor at the high school, at the end of the current school year. All monetary amounts will be confidential.

Contributions can be made payable to the Mary K. Rowden Scholarship Award Fund, Maryville Elementary School, 4651 Maryville Road, Granite City, Ill. 62040.



Granite City resident Michelle Cooper

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State to sell college savings bonds

SPRINGFIELD — The new double tax-exempt Illinois College Savings Bonds, designed to give parents another option for financing their children's college education, will be available starting Jan. 11. Gov. Jim Thompson said.

Illinois will be the first state to offer the program, in which bonds can be purchased when a child is young for a relatively low investment and be used for college costs when the bonds mature with accumulated interest.

For example, a \$5,000 College Savings Bond with a maturity of 16 years might be purchased when the child is 2 for \$1,425, assuming an 8 percent annual interest yield.

They are "zero coupon bonds," which means they do not pay interest until maturity. The interest is exempt from both federal and state taxes.

The bonds will be sold only in \$5,000 (at maturity) denominations. The cost is expected to range from \$850 to \$3,500,

depending on the maturity period.

The program provides that if a student uses proceeds from College Savings Bonds to enroll in a college or university within Illinois, the state will also pay a cash bonus toward tuition of \$100 to \$400 per bond.

The bond program was created by legislation passed by the General Assembly and signed by the governor in September.

Sponsors said it would help parents plan ahead for the rising

cost of higher education, rather than be faced with hefty bills when their children are ready to go to college.

The governor said it will provide an "innovative means to meet the financial challenges of higher education."

Clement said, "Although it is expected most of the bonds will be purchased by parents and grandparents for future college expenses, there's no restriction in the law against others buying them as an investment."

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Obituaries

Barnes

C. Marvin Barnes, 80, Whitehall, Ill., formerly of Granite City, died at 1 a.m., Jan. 1, 1988, at St. Anthony's Hospital, Alton.

Mr. Barnes was born Dec. 17, 1907, in St. Louis, Mo., and lived in Granite City for most of his life.

He graduated from McKendree College and St. Louis University School of Law in 1936 and practiced law until 1984.

An Army veteran of World War II, Mr. Barnes received the Purple Heart. He was a 50-year charter member of Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, where he was also a charter member of the Harmony Class.

Mr. Barnes was an arbitrator for the State of Illinois Workmen's Compensation Division and a hearing officer for the State of Illinois Pollution Control Board.

He also was a former member of the Granite City Library Board, VFW Post 1300 and the Granite City Elementary School Board.

He served as a Boy Scout leader at McKinley School.

A charter member of the Kiwanis Club, Mr. Barnes served as Lt. Governor of Illinois/Eastern Iowa division of the Kiwanis. He also was a 50-year member of the Knights of Pythias.

His wife, Mabel G. (Tedder) Barnes, died in 1960.

Surviving is his daughter, Lu Ann Barnes, Whitehall.

Visitation will begin at 1:30 p.m. today (Sunday) at Irwin & Sons Funeral Home, 2601 Madison Ave., Alton.

Funeral services will be held at 11 a.m. Monday at Niedringhaus United Methodist Church, 20th Street and Delmar Avenue, with the Rev. Daniel Wright and the Rev. Ralph Trotter officiating.

Burial will be at Old Alexander Cemetery, Troy. Memorials to the McKendree College Convocation Center are suggested.

Murphy

Chester C. Murphy, 89, Granite City, died at 3:51 p.m. Friday, Jan. 1, 1988, at St. Elizabeth Medical Center.

He was born Feb. 9, 1918, in Doniphan, Mo. He has lived in Granite City since 1940. He retired in 1982 from the Moore Gear Manufacturing Co., St. Louis, after 26 years as a machinist. He attended Nameoki United Methodist Church. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen (Burke) Murphy, two daughters, Mary Ann and Mary Steenke, Fountain Valley, Calif., and Patricia Murphy, Scottsdale, Ariz., one brother, Allen Murphy, Riverside, Ark., and one grandchild.

Visitation will be from 3 to 9 p.m. today (Sunday) at the Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where the Rev. Jerry Reed will conduct funeral services at 1 p.m. Monday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Memorials may be sent to Nameoki United Methodist Church or the Lions Eye Bank.

Pyle

Rudy G. Pyle, 31, 4103 Kaseberg Lane, Ponton Beach, was pronounced dead at his home at 2:15 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 1987, by Madison County Deputy Coroner Mark Scott.

Mr. Pyle, who was believed to be a weight lifter, was found by a friend lying across the bed. He had been to see a physician the previous day, it was learned.

Born Sept. 11, 1956, in Granite City, Mr. Pyle was a lifetime resident.

He was employed 10 years as a laborer at Granite City Steel.

Mr. Pyle served in the Marine Corps and was of the Protestant faith.

Among the survivors are his mother, Mrs. Margaret Sexton, Granite City; his father, Charles Pyle, Sacramento, Calif.; two brothers, Mickey W. and Robin H. Smith, both of Granite City; and grandparents, Euelia M. Mills, Granite City and Norma Fyler, New Haven, Ill.

Visitation begins at 2 p.m. today (Sunday) at the Chapel for Funerals, 2801 Madison Ave., where services will be conducted by the Rev. Brad Marcum at 10 a.m. Monday. Burial will be in Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville.

Reynolds

Lula "Babe" (Gathings) Reynolds, 85, Memphis, Tenn., a former resident of Venice, died Thursday morning, Dec. 31, 1987, at St. Joseph Hospital in Memphis.

Mrs. Reynolds moved to Memphis in 1983 after living in Venice for more than 55 years. She retired from the Friedman Furniture Store in Madison after many years of service.

She was an active member of the Bethel A.M.E. Church in Venice, having served in several positions, including stewardess, class leader and missionary.

Mrs. Reynolds was preceded in death by two husbands, Charlie Gathings and Walter Reynolds.

Survivors include a sister, a brother and a niece, Mrs. Booker (Lula Mae) Butler, Memphis.

Funeral arrangements were pending at R.S. Lewis Funeral Home, Memphis. Friends may call 1-901-526-3264 for further information.

Ziegler

Charles W. Ziegler, 93, Venice, died at 10:09 a.m. Thursday, Dec. 31, 1987, at Anderson Hospital, Maryville. He was ill for four months and hospitalized for nine days.

He was born in Venice and once resided in St. Louis for 20 years.

Mr. Ziegler had retired from the Washab Railroad, St. Louis, as a machinist. He was a World War I Army veteran and was of the Protestant faith.

Preceding him in death were his wife, Hester (Prather) Ziegler, who died Dec. 18, 1979, three brothers, Wesley, Edward and James Ziegler; and one sister, Viola Wallace.

Surviving is one brother, George Ziegler, Edwardsville.

Visitation will be held from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. Monday at Lahey-Sedlack Funeral Home, 615 Madison Ave., Madison. The funeral procession will leave from Lahey-Sedlack at 1 p.m. Monday, going to Sunset Hill Cemetery, Edwardsville, for the burial.

Lake's water level rises

By Bill Bagby
Staff writer

NAMEOKI — Recent heavy rain in the area have caused Long Lake's water level to rise.

Lee Adams, Nameoki Township highway commissioner, said the water level is the highest he's seen in years.

It's in my backyard, almost, said Dell Whitsett, a township trustee, said at Monday's Town Board meeting.

The heavy rain has caused the ground to be saturated, Adams said. The water from the ground runs into the lake and river, causing the lake's level to rise, he said.

Adams said Wednesday that the water level has started to drop. If no further rain occurs, the water-level may be back to normal in three or four days, he said.

Although all of the lake's outflow is in gravel, Adams said, another outlet would help alleviate some of the drainage problem.

Beavers building dams in Elm Slough haven't effected the recent rise in the lake's water level, Adams said. Long Lake, when it overflows, drains into the slough before the water goes to Horseshoe Lake.

Trustees have voiced concern that the dams could cause drainage problems during a heavy rain.

The beavers are presently being trapped, Adams said.

City to send representative to ICC hearing

By Dave Gosnell
Staff writer

GRANITE CITY — The city will be represented at a hearing on Illinois Power Co. electric rates.

The City Council appointed Larry Martin, a local anti-rate increase activist, to attend a Jan. 4 Illinois Commerce Commission hearing.

The commission is expected to schedule a series of hearings around the state regarding a recent proposal by Illinois Power to increase its rates by 56 percent over a period of five to seven years.

Diane Harvell, of the commission's Springfield office, said the meeting was set for the purpose of scheduling other hearings. She said the commission will have 11 months to make a decision on the rate request.

Martin started a summer petition drive against an 18 rate increase in 1986. He collected thousands of signatures were gained from the drive and sent to state legislators and officials, he said.

Homestead form deadline Jan. 29

A Jan. 29 deadline has been set for submitting Illinois Homestead Exemption Law forms to the office of Granite City Assessor Darlene Laub.

A \$2,000 real estate assessment reduction is available to persons aged 65 or older who reside in their residence, if they submit an application. Also, the exemption is available to all who are 65 or older during the calendar year of 1988; it should apply by Jan. 29.

The office is at 2650-C Delmar Ave. and the telephone number is 877-6150.

Menus

Granite City Public Schools
Monday - Manager's choice.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, mixed fruit.

Wednesday - Fried chicken, tater tots, vegetables, fruit cup.

Thursday - Taco with cheese, lettuce and tomato, vegetables, fruit cup.

Friday - Fish sandwich on bun, macaroni and cheese, cole slaw, fruit cup.

Madison Public Schools
Monday - Salisbury steaks with gravy, buttered rice, green beans, fruit cup.

Tuesday - Hot dog on bun, sauerkraut, whipped potatoes, gelatin.

Wednesday - Sloppy joe on bun, dill slices, baked beans, pears.

Thursday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, peas, pineapple.

Friday - Grilled cheese sandwich, vegetable beef soup, cherry pie.

Sacred Heart/St. Joseph
Monday - Cheeseburger, green

Teacher talks go on in school district
(Continued from Page 1)

negotiation committee chairman and school board president.

The fiscal 1988 budget is being examined to see where costs could possibly be cut, he said.

Administrators are scheduled to report at the Jan. 7 board meeting. Worthen said.

Bridge

MLK Bridge closing to mean traffic jams
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Development of park-and-ride facilities near Winners on Collinsville Road in Collinsville, on Illinois 111 north of old U.S. 66, on Illinois 161 at I-64 near New Baden; at the city hall in Mascoutah; and on Illinois 158 at U.S. 50.

Zoning

Group opposing plan for rezoning
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years ago.

The city's zoning map shows the property as having a residential classification.

Hale said the church had no plans to sell the property to a commercial developer but may

Nameoki

Township borders may be up for vote
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referendum since it will be decided during a regular election, said Madison County Clerk Evelyn Bowles. Nameoki would pay for the cost of the vote if it

was held during a special election, Bowles said.

If a change in boundaries is approved by referendum, the boundaries of Granite City and Granite City Township expand and Nameoki's size is reduced.

If a change in boundaries is not approved, the city's boundaries will expand, but Granite

City Township's boundary cannot. The law provides that co-extensive city-townships like Granite City are "grandfathered" in their present conditions.

Nameoki's referendum could be the first of its kind in the state under the new law, said George Miller, executive director of the Township Association

of Illinois. Officials in Woodside Township, located adjacent to Springfield, are considering a similar referendum, he said.

Another resolution dealing with transfer of money from the general assistance fund to the town fund, will also be considered, he said.

State news

Number of adoptions on rise in Illinois

The number of adoptions finalized in Illinois during the present fiscal year, which began July 1, rose almost 20 percent over last year's figures, it was announced by Director Gordon Johnson, Illinois Department of Children and Family Services.

From July 1 until the present, the adoptions of 183 children were finalized by the courts. That compares to 153 adoptions for the same period a year ago, Johnson said.

About 215 children were placed in prospective adoptive homes this year, as compared to 206 last year. The state adoption hot line is 1-800-572-2380.

Hong Kong gets taste of Midwestern foods

Eight Illinois companies participated in a Midwestern supermarket promotion that introduced food from this country to Hong Kong department store shoppers.

In all, 43 companies with an arsenal of more than 350 products shaped the Hong Kong supermarket blitz, Dec. 9-22. Among favorites were Sizzlen (lean bacon made of beef) and Brown Nerve Sausage from Swift-Eckrich.

A natural white chocolate sold from R.J. Carr Natural Beverages sold out almost immediately.

Calendar offers look at historic sites

Monks Mound and Cahokia Mounds State Historic Site are among 13 sites featured in the 1988 Historic Illinois Calendar now available from the Illinois Historic Preservation Agency.

The calendar can be purchased for \$3 each or 10 or more for \$1.80 each. Inquiries should be made to the Calendar, Illinois Historic Preser-

vation Agency, Preservation Services, Old State Capitol, Springfield, Ill. 62701. Supplies are limited.

Department of Aging launches campaign

The Illinois Department of Aging has launched a statewide effort to inform family members about programs and services available for older people, said Director Janet S. Ottwell.

"Many Illinoisans are not aware that there is a comprehensive, aging network that reaches every area of our state, as well as communities across the country. People can access that network by calling their nearest Area Agency on Aging or by contacting the Illinois Department on Aging toll-free at 1-800-252-2966," she said.

Society offers guide to women's history

The Illinois State Historical Society has published "A Guide to Researching and Writing Illinois Women's History," the second in a series of leaflets designed to aid in the study of state history.

The first leaflet, titled "Researching and Writing Local History in Illinois: A Guide to the Sources," guides both novice and more experienced researchers toward primary materials. Both leaflets are available from the Illinois Historical Society, Old State Capitol, Springfield, Ill. 62701.

Lottery

Results of the Illinois State Lottery were:

Thursday, Dec. 31: 037

Pick 4 Game: 7970

Friday, Jan. 1: 411

Pick 4 Game: 2251

potato chips, jello with fruit.

St. Margaret Mary
Monday - Hot dog on bun, baked beans, sliced cheese, tater tots, mixed vegetables, pickles, cherries.

Tuesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, green beans, slice of cheese, slaw, cookies.

Wednesday - Beef taco with cheese, peas, celery and carrot sticks, pudding.

Thursday - Barbecued beef patties on bun french fries, mixed vegetables, pickles, fruit.

Friday - Toasted cheese sandwich, tomato soup, slaw, jello.

St. Mary's, Madison
Monday - Pizza, peas, pudding, fruit cocktail.

Tuesday - Ravioli, cheese sandwich, corn, pineapple.

Wednesday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, garlic bread, green beans, pears.

Thursday - Canneloni, salad, cherry pie.

Friday - Pizzaburger, mixed

vegetables, jello with fruit.

Senior Citizens
Monday - Cube steak, mashed potatoes, buttered carrots, mixed fruit.

Tuesday - Meat loaf, macaroni with cheese, chef salad, peaches.

Wednesday - Chicken breast fried, corn, three-bean salad, fruit.

Thursday - Ham and beans, cole slaw, corn bread, apricots.

Friday - Roast beef, mashed potatoes, beets, apple sauce.

Head Start

Monday - Spaghetti with meat sauce, peas, pineapple chunks, french bread.

Tuesday - Roast pork with gravy, mashed potatoes, cheese broccoli, peaches.

Thursday - Hot dog slices, pork and beans, cole slaw, fruit cocktail.

Friday - Barbecued rib, bun, french fries, buttered carrots, chocolate pudding.

ing, Stoll said. Legislators restored about one-fourth of the funds that were cut.

Worthen said the cuts in state aid have been an important factor in negotiations. It's predicted the district will lose more than \$1 million in expected state funds, including more than \$800,000 in the education fund, he said.

Union members were also

capacity of the McKinley Bridge by 20 percent.

IDOT also hopes to have traffic officers in Missouri where traffic exits from the Eads Bridge. The Eads has room for additional vehicles, but with the closing of the Martin Luther King Bridge, it will be at capacity soon, Klorh said.

Both the Eads and McKinley bridges charge tolls.

The Martin Luther King

on previous zoning of the property.

The 2000-block-of Johnson Road has been the focus of several controversial zoning decisions in recent months.

The Baptist church joined as a petitioner in a rezoning request to change adjacent land from residential to commercial zoning.

of Illinois. Officials in Woodside Township, located adjacent to Springfield, are considering a similar referendum, he said.

Another resolution dealing with transfer of money from the general assistance fund to the town fund, will also be considered, he said.

State still contender as super collider site

the SSC and that competition among the eight finalists will be fierce.

"Illinois stands ready to assist DOE in its review of the proposed Fermi Lab site," Thompson said. "To bolster the existing local support, efforts already are under way to build a multi-state coalition of business leaders, academicians and public officials in support of building the SSC in Illinois."

The \$4 billion to \$6 billion project would accelerate particles of matter around a 32-mile ring to nearly the speed of light and force head-on collisions with an energy of 40 trillion electron volts. Scientists would study the fundamental nature of matter and energy through observation of sub-atomic particles created by the collisions.

"The multi-billion dollar project is key to the advancement of science, and also important to development of new technology industries in Illinois."

"While we are enthused to be in the running for final site selection by the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), it is important that Congress must provide the funds to construct

Upcoming meetings of Quad-City Area governmental taxing bodies include:

Nameoki Township, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, Township Office, 1250 Illinois 111 (special).

Chouteau Township, 7 p.m. Monday, Jan. 4, Township Office, 970 Thorngate Drive.

Granite City Council, 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, City Hall, 200 Edison Ave.

Venice City Council, 8 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5, City Hall, Broadway and Kiesel Streets, Venice.

Madison County Board, 9:30 a.m. Wednesday, Jan. 6, County Courthouse, Edwardsville (special).

Grassroots

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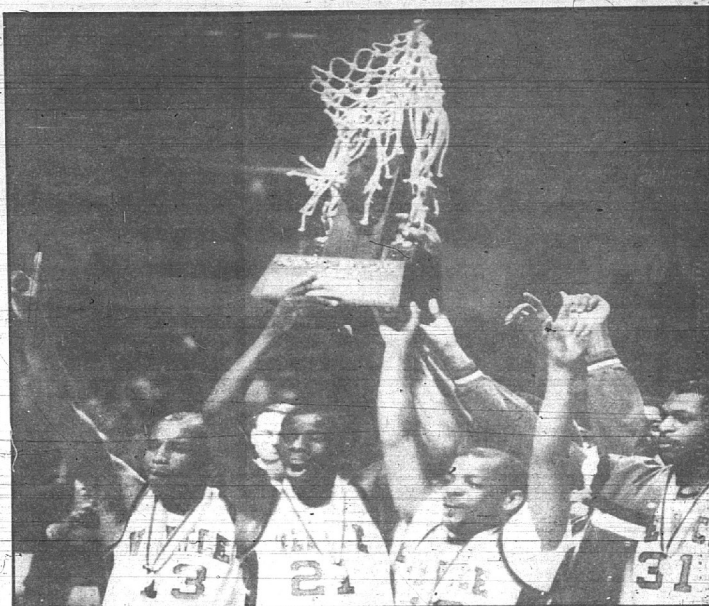
JEFF GROTE and the Warrior soccer team were state champions after the heroics of Herb "Sudden Death" Heaton.

We are the champions

It's something the Granite City High School soccer team and Venice High School basketball team could say in 1987. Although those two teams brought home the big hardware

from state tournaments, there were many other athletes, teams and sports figures who could call themselves champions this past year. Our area was blessed with the

efforts of countless athletes, high school and otherwise. Not all of them were big winners, but they were all fun to watch and cover. Here is a look at just some of them.



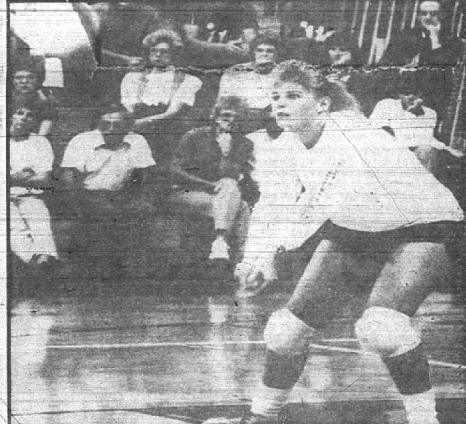
VENICE'S STATE TITLE was cause for celebration for Vincent Harris, Wilfred Wigfall, Orlando Love and Darrell Buie.



RICH WILSON hit...and hit...and hit on his way to a .465 average for the Warriors.



IAN SMITH used his speed to put the Trojans in the playoffs — and give himself a state track title.

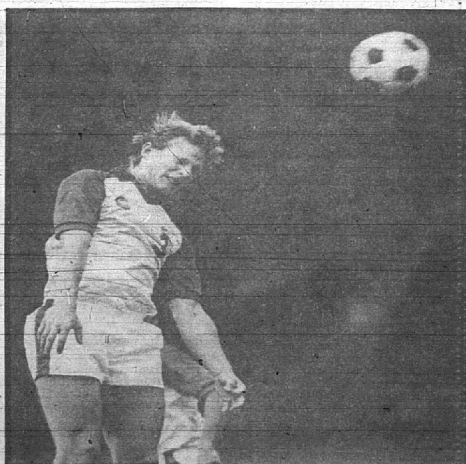


BETH EARNEY and the Warrior volleyball team took girls athletics to a new high at GCHS.



AL BARNES and his wife Joyce took it all in as Jim Bolen of Channel 4 introduced the 56 inaugural inductees into the Granite City Sports Hall of Fame on May 6 at the

Knights of Columbus Hall. Plans are in motion for more Hall activities.



STEVE TRITTSCHUH was almost unbeatable in the air at Granite City North and SIUE. In the future are the Steamers — and the U.S. Olympic team.

Skaters lose; alumni game a success

By Dave Whaley
Executive sports editor

Monday was a fun trip into the past, but Tuesday was a jolt back into reality for the Warrior hockey team.

After an enjoyable Monday evening and the first Granite City hockey alumni game, the 1987-88 Warriors returned to Mid States Club Hockey Association action with a 3-3 loss to Parkway West at the Wilson Park rink. "Parkway West really isn't that good," said Warrior coach Gary Henson. "We made some mistakes to give them goals and the officiating wasn't too good."

Matt Krekovich had two goals and Jim Robertson added one, but Henson said Robertson could have had two or three more.

"It was most disappointed in all the chances we missed," he said. "It was 4-2 when they scored a goal that never went in the net. The Parkway players were laughing about it. The official just missed it. We scored right after that, so it would have been 4-3 instead of 5-3."

The Warriors fell to 5-6 and played CBC at the Affton rink at 7:15 p.m. on Friday. They host Lafayette at 8 p.m. on Tuesday. Stars of the past were out in abundance at the alumni game

on Monday. The Red team coached by Henson defeated the White team coached by Jerry Roderick, 5-5. The Red team was made up of players who graduated before 1984 plus the class of 1987. The White team featured graduates from 1984-86.

"It was a tremendous evening," Henson said. "There were only two no shows. We had 33 players come out and more than 100 people came to watch. We made a few bucks on the night. The players got some nice jerseys and I want to thank the park district. They let us have the rink from 6:30 to 10."

"Some players showed up and they were anxious to get out there. They had fun. Chris and Todd Hinterser had a fake fight that everyone enjoyed. I hope it's the first (alumni game) of many more."

Tommy Brown of the current Warrior team refereed the game

with Richie Grogan and Matt Schnefke serving as linesmen. Brown even got to whistle his brother Gary for a penalty. Gary has been a league official for many years and has given his brother many penalties. Tommy was happy to return the favor on Monday.

"Some of the older players still looked pretty good," Henson said. "They wanted to rest for an extra shift sometimes. That was a switch from when they played. Then they always felt they didn't get enough ice time."

Schedule

Tuesday, January 5
BOYS BASKETBALL: Vashon at Venice, 7:45 p.m.
Madison at Sunkin Hill, 8 p.m.
GIRLS BASKETBALL: Granite City at Madison, 6 p.m.
HOCKEY: Lafayette at Granite City, 8 p.m.



LOCAL AWARD WINNERS in the 10th Annual Doubles and Singles Tournament at the Strike 'N Spare Lanes were, front row from left, Joey Byrd and Tammy Mendenhall; back row from left, Darla Bauer, Todd Neel and Chris Hensley.

Local winners announced in bowling tournaments

Winners in the 10th annual Doubles and Singles Tournament at the Strike 'N Spare Lanes have been announced.

Winners from Granite City include Darla Bauer, 13, daughter of Dennis and Mary Bauer, first place, doubles event Class 3 division, 135 average, scores of 165, 158 and 144 for a 470 total; Chris Hensley, 11, son of Jerry and Kathy Hensley, first place, doubles event Class 3 division, 115 average, scores of 138, 189 and 177 for a 404 total, total handicap 954, final scores together 1359.

Joey Byrd, 7, son of Richard and Shirley Byrd, third place, doubles event Class 3 division, 102 average, scores of 97, 109 and 90 for a 296 total; Tammy Mendenhall, 11, daughter of Roy and Brenda Mendenhall, third place, doubles event Class 3 division, 123 average, scores of 160, 141 and 144 for a 445 total, total handicap 930, final scores together 1321.

Todd Neel, 16, son of Larry and Leslie Neel, tied for second, Scratch Singles event, 188 average, scores of 235, 221 and 227 for 683 total.

Scott Goessling, 15, son of Ed and Cheryl Goessling, second place, Open Scratch doubles division, scores of 179, 289 and 211 for a 679 total; Jeff Wonders, 16, son of John S. Wonders, second place, Open Scratch doubles division, scores of 158, 228 and 175 for a 561 total.

In the 9 Pin No Tap Tournament held at Bowland on Dec. 19, 300 games were rolled by

BOWLAND SCORES	
Dec. 19	
Boys High Series: Sonny Fields	185
Boys High Game: Jimmy Crow	86
Girls High Series: Jennifer O'Beir	185
Girls High Game: Carin Sengula	116
Boys	
Boys High Series: Timothy Harris	327
Boys High Game: Robert Brooker	114
Girls High Series: Tammy Mendenhall	359
Girls High Game: Julie Padgett	80
Boys	
Boys High Series: Jeff Hensley	420
Boys High Game: Robert Brooker	151
Girls High Series: Darla Bauer	469
Girls High Game: Holly Mason	162
Juniors	
Boys High Series: John Cozlar	601
Boys High Game: Derrick Kinney	156
Girls High Series: Darla Bauer	469
Girls High Game: Holly Mason	162
Majors	
Boys High Series: Doug Duerker	757
Boys High Game: John Cozlar	369
Girls High Series: Joie Dumasavast	395
Girls High Game: Terri Johnson	135
Afternoon Juniors	
Boys High Series: Daniel Dwyer	341
Boys High Game: Edward Ward	122
Girls High Series: Alissa Shuck	229
Girls High Game: Angela DePue	85

Jason Stround, 12, son of Jerry and Rosa Stroud; John Cozlar, 13, son of John and Jan Cozlar; Joey Lee, 15, son of Eddie Lee; and Jamie Huff, 16.

Joey Lee finished first in the Junior Major Division with a 300 score and Scott Mann of Collinsville was second. In the Prep Division, Shelly Goleman, 10, was first with a score of 156 and Chris Hensley was second with a score of 154. In the Banham Division, Doug Jones, 8, son of Danny and Vickie Jones, was first with a 153 score and Joey Byrd was second with a 139 score.

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'Murphy Raw' not for everyone

EDDIE MURPHY RAW — U-nexpurgated filming of Eddie Murphy's concert at New York's Felt Forum, with the 26-year-old comedian delighting his fans and shocking the shorts of detractors.

Rated R. (Language.)

Harry Hamm

"Eddie Murphy Raw" is a concert film with a mission. The mission is to capture the essence and the acid of Murphy's humor, with an eye to observing how it insidiously mares an audience's collective mentality and brings that mentality down to a level of comedy coarseness that results in uproarious, uninhibited laughter.

Mission accomplished. You can learn a lot about Murphy the man by reading between the laughs in the film. For instance, why isn't he married?

"Half," Murphy says in the reason. In other words, Murphy doesn't feel like getting married and then attending the now famous Johnny Carson College of Community Property Settlements.

There also is comedy material that sheds light on Murphy's viewpoints on Caucasians as social dancers, homosexuals as social beings, Italians as social boozers and Madonna as a social anything.

"Raw" is directed by Robert Townsend, the brave director who used cash advances on his credit cards to finance a recent, bargain-budget comedy hit called "Hollywood Shuffle." Townsend is right in step and tone with Murphy as a comedian. Murphy's performance seems almost like a "live" experience, thanks to Townsend.

The movie was re-edited several times to bring it from an "X" rating to an "R." Language and subject matter was (and is) the problem. I am told that local theater managers will be monitoring the minimum age requirement of 17 years old much more carefully for "Raw" than they normally do for other R-rated films.

That's good. Murphy has a knack for being very offensive at the same time he is being very funny. I'm not certain I agree with the severity

of Murphy's performance in this film, but no one can fault his talent or his ability to get laughs, even at the price of good taste.

Frank Hunter

To fully appreciate how filthy a filmed concert with Eddie Murphy can be, it is necessary to see it twice if one is a dedicated fan of this entertainment phenomenon.

Murphy's latest media event, directed by Robert Townsend, with unexpurgated footage drawn from two New York appearances during the comedian's 1987 tour, is rated R, which goes to show that there are times when the public should simply ignore the opinions handed down by people running the motion-picture board.

There is no doubt that the 26-year-old Murphy is a very funny man and a superb mimic whose theatrical films have pulled in \$600 million, with "Beverly Hills Cop" reportedly the highest-grossing comedy in the history of the industry.

But Murphy's uninhibited vulgarity remains little more than a carload of garlic in the salad of taste, and it doesn't take long to get a bellyful.

If one considers the source, I suppose anything is tolerable, and fans of Murphy's incredibly detailed toilet, digestive, straight and homosexual sex gags can certainly pig out at this tough of tripe.

A scene of pandemonium at the outset finds Murphy resplendent in ski-tight leather pants, climbing out of a limousine and swaggering into the theater escorted by flunkies where the multiracial audience erupts in a nonstop monologue.

There are some funny moments here, but even the clever bit deals with Murphy's imitation of Bill Cosby on the late-night television show.

In another Murphy allusion to Richard Pryor, a mentor he admires for his ability to tell dirty stories rather than Pryor's introspection and bona fide intelligence.

Perhaps the most enjoyable moment is Murphy's look at the way uptight white people like to

dance.

But Murphy in concert is essentially a sculptor who carves in slush, a lamentable use of potent comedic talent in pursuit of profit.

BATTERIES NOT INCLUDED — Sentimental, slight sci-fi comedy produced by Steven Spielberg and starring Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy as an elderly couple whose apartment is about to be headache-balled until some miracle-working spaceships turn up.

Rated PG. (Language.)

Harry Hamm

Everybody likes to find fault with Steven Spielberg's "Batteries Not Included," his newest film as a producer, will give Spielberg's detractors an opportunity to do just that, even though the film has a charming premise and performances by the great Hume Cronyn and Jessica Tandy that are, by themselves, worth the price of a ticket.

"Batteries Not Included" is best seen at a matinee, preferably on a weekend. No adult should be admitted unless they are accompanied by a child.

This story about an old apartment building in New York City and the last remaining tenants, who are fighting the efforts of a ruthless real estate developer to knock it down in favor of an office building, is presented with the usual Spielberg gift for attention to physical detail. The colors and production designs of the film are rich and complete. The worn, old apartment building becomes one of the characters instead of a set.

If you expect to see sci-fi special effects equal in scope and size to those you have seen in other Spielberg spectacles, you will be disappointed. These heroes from outer space are miniaturized saviors. As Cronyn explains it in one scene, "They come in on a very small planet."

In addition to Cronyn and Tandy, Frank McRae was good playing the endangered building's superintendent, a childlike hulk of a man who is a reclusive captive of his basement apartment and television set. (McRae played a very similar role in 1982 in "Cannery Row.")



SANTA ARRIVES: Den 7 Cub Douglas Mueller visits with Santa Claus at a meeting of Frohardt School Pack 22.

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ONE OF THE BEST: Moviegoers flooded theaters in 1987 to see Barbra Streisand and Richard Dreyfuss, above, in "Nuts," but movie houses showing flops, such as "Ishtar," starring Warren Beatty and Dustin Hoffman, were as empty as a desert.

Adults returned to movies in '87

By Harry Hamm

Staff affiliate

There was an eventful year at the movies.

After a slow start, 1987 accelerated at the box office in a manner that should make it a record-breaking year for area film grosses, the total take should be in the neighborhood of \$1.3 billion, up from the old record of \$1.2 billion in 1986. This Christmas season, up 10 percent to 20 percent over Christmas of '86, also should make a record setting.

The cost of going to the movies increased. Admission, and especially concession prices, were raised noticeably. In New York, Mayor Ed Koch is threatening to lead a one-week boycott of Manhattan movie houses to protest the new, top ticket price of \$7 at some theaters.

Movie studios and major film distributors started to edge their way back into theater ownership, slowly buying up independent theater chains across the country, and there are more buyouts on the horizon, which could have an effect on what you can and cannot see at the movies in the area.

The danger is that smaller distributors and producers will not be able to find suitable screens for their product. It also could cause problems for the few remaining small-theaters like the Hi Pointe.

Adults in 1987 returned to the

movies in droves, prodded by the popularity of films like "Fatal Attraction" and "The Untouchables." Even the senior citizen business is brisk, aided by special discounts based on age and lower prices for matinee and late afternoon shows.

It was feared that 1987 would be the first year to really feel the pinch of the growing popularity of cable television and VCRs but, actually, the opposite occurred. In addition to creating the increasing popularity of first-run films, in fact, cable television is becoming a vital promotion and marketing arena for major studios wanting to sell their most important new motion pictures.

The following is a list of some of the best films in 1987 in St. Louis. Remember that our local movie release calendar does not always parallel that of New York or Los Angeles. Therefore, some of the lists you may see in national publications will contain titles of films that have yet to open in St. Louis, like "Good Morning, Vietnam," starring Robin Williams, and "Moonstruck," starring Cher.

In no particular ranking, the best films were: "Roxanne," "Tin Men," "The Untouchables," "The Last Emperor," "Radio Days," "Hope and Glory," "Outrageous Fortune,"

"Fatal Attraction," "Empire of the Sun," "Nuts," "Wall Street" and "Broadcast News."

Under the heading of honorable mention, add the titles "Hoosiers," "Angel Heart," "The River's Edge," "Full Metal Jacket," "The Princess Bride," and "Wish You Were Here."

While I don't like to list the films in the order of good, better and best, I will give credit to "Empire of the Sun" as the best film. I think Steven Spielberg deserves (and will receive) the Oscar for best director for his work in this wonderfully developing and moving motion picture.

Among the worst films were: "Leonard Part 6," "Heat," "Ishtar," "Walk Like a Man," "The Garbage Pail Kids," "The Sicilian" and "Beyond Therapy."

Under the heading of dishonorable mention, include "The Munchies," "Critical Condition," "Windom," "From the Hip," "Over the Top," "Red-Headed Stranger," "Million Dollar Mystery," "Jaws the Revenge" and "Revenge of the Nerds II."

The dubious credit of being the year's worst movie goes to "The Sicilian," with "Leonard Part 6" a close second.

All in all, 1987 was a wonderful year at the movies. Let's hope 1988 continues the trend, giving us better balance from the standpoint of great films to see throughout the year.

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